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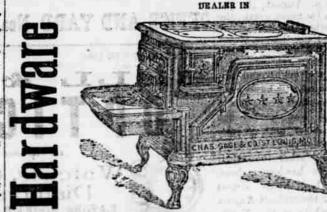
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HAYS COUNTY,

A TRUTHFUL PEN PORTRAIT.

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through the instrumentality of General Burleson, then a member of the State Senate, and was named in honor of Col. Jack Hays, the noted Texas Ranger. Prior to that date it was part of Travis and Bastrop counties. The Antonio Veremendi Lesgue was purchased by Gen. Burleson and William Lindsey, and 640 acres appropriated for a town site. They paid for it partly in cash and partly in cattle. Each settler received a building lot free. Henry Mocoliough was stationed here with a company of rangers, and a log house, used as a commissary department, and a bar-room in a tent, constituted the settlement up to April, 1847. The first election was held in August, 1848. of pure crystal spring water sufficient to PRICES OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The article descriptive of Hays County which we formerly published, being out of print, to meet a general demand we propose preparing another, with revisions and additions. We shall supplement the best and most authentic information we can obtain, by our own observations during over ten years past, servations during over ten years past, Fruits, such as figs, peaches, plums, paid. And the county now has a surand shall make it a point not to indulge grapes and some kinds of wild fruits plus in several special departments of in the exaggerations, pro or con, so also do tolerably well, and some think revenue. common to writers concerning new re- that apples may by careful attention be gions of country. We believe great wrong has been done by unscrupulous and interested parties giving false ideas of Texas—wrong to people who have been led to come to the State by such There is no doubt however, but that, by as they are, at times, at the the North. misrepresentations, and wrong also to the State by such misrepresentations, and wrong also to the State, which has sufficient merits to induce immigration without resort ing to false pretenses.

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settlement up to April, 1847. The first south side of a mountain, in quantities provalent.

miles. The 30th parallel of latitude rare, except Germans, who are more miles. The 30th parallel of latitude and the 98th of longitude both pass through it. About two-thirds of the county is occupied by rudimentary mountains, and covered with timber of various kinds, such as codar, live oak, Spanish oak, elm, pecan, mesquite, and several other varieties of inferior quality. This mountainous section is also ity. This mountainous section is also interior and the 98th of longitude both pass through the 10 total vote of the county, as shown by the county, as shown by the county as shown by the county as shown by the county is large, but they do very much as they please about political matters, and it ought not to be understood that persons of different political matters, and it ought not to be understood that persons of different political wisws. Who take a moderate more favorable occasion.

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with creeks and rivers, affording fine
opportunity for stock raising. The re
maining one-third of the county is chiefly prairie, of fine soil, and will produce
perhaps as great a variety of crops as
almost any country in the world. The
face of the country is beautiful and picturneque in the extreme. We have
seen many of the finest portions of the
Mississenti valley, but have never look

firmted in the soil are good citizens, are not
oqually welcome. It is believed there
is no disposition among the better part
of the people to prescribe others on acsount of either politics or religion.

SOCIETY, SCHOOLS, TAXES, ETC.

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produce 30 to 60 bushels, corn 15 to 40, ful. Important amendments to th wheat 10 to 30, and sweet potatoes 75 State Constitution in the interest to 150 per acre, cotton half a bale to a bale, and sorghum always two crops, and all growing side by side in the same field. Seldem can this be seen on the continent except in Texas, and no where perhaps in a continent continent and the same direction.

CLIMATE-HEALTH.

much more successful than it has yet ing to false pretenses.

The history of Hays county naturally begins with that of San Marcos. The bursting forth of the river, full formed, from the foot of a mountain near by, and its peerless beauty and purity, conspired to make the spot a marked one by nature. According to a writer in Scribner's Magazine for January, 1874, as early as 1729 the Right Reverend Fathers, forming the College of Santa Cruz of Querataro, were authorized to found three missions on the San Marcos, but the order was afterwards resoinded in favor of San Antonio; but for which San Marcos, instead of the Alame City, might have been the metropolis of Western Texas, A place thus remarkable by nature, of course was destined to become the site of an Angle, American town. of course was destined to become the site of an Anglo-American town, A or oats, all of which grow luxuriantly, Dr. Merriman appears to have been the first settler, in the fall of 1846, but others may contest the claim. For instance we are told that Wm. Moon, of fat beeves, or the best of milk and two parts of farming to the seasons, and adopting improved modes of cultivation, no doubt much larger crops may be regularly produced. The rainfall is abundant, were it well distributed, but it is not. The black land, which is prevalent, however, stands the drought wonstance we are told that Wm. Moon, of fat beeves, or the best of milk and the province of the seasons, and adopting improved modes of cultivation, no doubt much larger crops may be regularly produced. The rainfall is abundant, were it well distributed, but it is not. The black land, which is prevalent, however, stands the derfully, but it is not of so warm a nature.

stance we are told that Wm. Moon, who still resides in this county, built the first house in San Marcos, and it is still pointed out to the curious observer. T. G. McGehee, we believe, is conceded to have been the first settler of the immediate vicinity, at the place where he lately resided, a few miles down the river.

Stance we are told that Wm. Moon, of fat beeves, or the best of milk and butter; but there is a general neglect of the sense precauties where there is more sand. Before leaving the subject of climate, it is but just to say that were one half the preparation made to guard against the preparation made to guard against the inclemency of the weather that is made in colder climates, it would cause it to be almost unnoticed. Really comfortable houses are comparatively rare ed with it there could be no question on Texas, and shelter for animals and Hays county was organized in 1848, the subject, for there is always a great the practice of feeding them, even more through the instrumentality of General scarcity of milk, butter, chickens and rare. Yet there are days here in winter

The years 1857, '58 and '59 were run a large amount of machinery. The price of land here, as everywhere seasons of terrible drought, particularly the first named, when there was a valuable. It now has many mills and total failure of crops. The war soon gins in successful operation located upon way from \$5 to \$50 per acre, and unimfollowed, continuing the period of dis- it. Water can also be found by digging proved from \$1 to \$12, and most of it tress. Afterwards for some years there from 20 to 40 feet, but it is very hard can be bought on time to sait purchas-was little immigration or progress. The from lime and mineral substances. Cis- ers. But honesty and fair dealing with was little immigration or progress. The first awakening was caused by the enterprise of Prof. Hollingsworth, in causing to be erected a large stone building on a commanding site, called Coronal Institute, and starting a successful high school in it. This induced persons to come and settle in the town. From that time to about 1874 the course of San Marcos was onward, till from a small hamlet of a few lundred inhabitants, the population had reached in 1880, 1232, that of the county 7,555,

from lime and mineral substances. Cisters water is therefore preferred for domestic use. It is the best in all countries, but more indispensable in Texas in some others.

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Texas, as combining the grand casen tials of good soil, and sufficiency of timber and water, in convenient proximity. There is also an abundance of building stone, of fine quality, and easily worked. Stone is also used extensively for fencing,

POPULATION, ETC.

The population of the county, as we brought from the eastern part of the 1880, 1232. that of the county 7,555, with indications of a far more rapid growth in view of the advent of railroad communication. The population of the county is now no doubt fully 8500, and that of the town 1500.

ABEA, LOCATION, ETC.

Hays is one of the smallest counties of Texas, containing only about 680 square miles. The 30th parallel of latitude

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